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OF METAMORA, INDIANA, SERGEANT IN
COMPANY C, 68TH INDIANA INFANTRY**

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Chattanooga Tennese Nov. 5th 63

Dear Brother and sister

I again
 seat mi self to answer your
 welcomed letter that com to hand
 yesterday I was truly glad to
 hear that you was all well
 and a geten a long well and
 to hear that mi family was
 all well it was the first
 letter that I have received from
 any of you since the first of
 last month I don't want
 you to think hard of me for
 given you such a token in
 the other letter I am in good
 health and hope those few
 lines may find you all in
 good health. Well Brother
 we are still at Chattanooga
 and the rebels is still where
 they was we are on the left
 of the army and are also
 at the left porte we are
 camped beside the fort and
 we are a garden the fort we
 don't do any picketing now
 this fort is called fort Wood
 there is 14 pees of artillry and
 two of them is seage peaces
 32 pounders and the other 12
 is twelve pounders as you
 perhapes never saw a fort
 I will tell you the size of it
 the fort covers about a achor
 of ground and the pites around

is twelve feet deep and 20

feet across so it would be
impossible for any man to get
across it it is a splendid ford
but not as good as the
war on the Wright ford Keyes
We are still at work making
rifle pits and preparing for a
battle but I don't think the
rebels will ever attack us here
but if they do it will be death
to them I feel very safe here
behind these works General
Wood says if he had plenty
of ammunition he could shell
the last man of them to death
in six hours but our amm^{unition}
is very plenty and we have
saved it in case of contact it is
a difficult job to get amm^{unition}
here all of the provision that
we have had since the battle
has been hauled from Stevenson
Alabama which is 60 miles
and it has been a difficult
job to get half a mule to
eat let alone get ten amm^{unition}
but now the cars run to
Shelburn and from there
they are hauled within six
miles of here the rest of the
way they are hauled we have
a little more plenty of amm^{unition}
than we did have but I don't
have as much as I could eat
since the battle of Chickamauga

I would liked for you to have

Sean who's rashes was expected
to us a day I never knew how
little a man could live on and
keep up on it but I think now
we will have more plenty than
we have had the boys in
good health and in good spi-
rites we don't rashes this even-
ing and I am at all in good
spirits you say that we will
don't half rashes this time
and it cheers us up to think
that we will have a little
more to eat this is a rainy

day this forenoon we was
at work in the rifle pits
you may bet that we don't
work very hard General

William came around this
morning and told us to not
hurt our selves that we must
work as hard as our rashes
and of course we don't

I thank you Brother for
your good advice that you
give in your letter I am a trier
live ~~to~~ a christian life as well
as I can I thank my god
for what he has bought me
thru I no now is the time
for me to live a christians life
whitch I am a trier to do
may god protect me thru
the dangers that is to come and
that I may live to get home

and meat you all a game is
my prares. Well brother I am
glad to hear that the railroad
is a goen to run whar it is it
will make laigness of all kinds
brist. Well Brother We have
bin mustered for four months
pay and I think it woud be
long untill we will know
you seed that the corn crop
was very short well corn and
wheat is a good price I think
well I woud this war was over
and I am in hopes that it will
soon be then with well I have
give you all the pertickles
as far as I so so I will close
I you seed that you was
tired to get Ellen to live
as saven as you could that
is wright I haud many but
whot you will do your
duty I ~~am~~ am glad that
you see to things as well
as you do. I send mi best
respects to Ellen and the
children and Father and
mother and all the rest
of the folkes so no more ad
pres and but remanes your
affectiont Brother untill
Deth

Milton Currey
To Ralph Currey
and Lucindy Currey

PART OF LETTER MISSING.

and when the boys gets payed
of I can make from three to five
dollars a day as sellen tobacco read
~~that~~ ~~the~~ Dillman has made 25
Dollars a day and sellen tobacco
series the battle money is very case
with the boys now now we buy the
tobacco by the pound and sell it by the
plug I am in good sperite and good
hilt the duty hant very hard here
but our rashenes is very shorted
have seen two Dollare ofared for a
crackes then not get then I dont
think that this army ever was as
short of rashenes as the are now and
have bin I think that we will
get full rashenes in a few dayes
if eney body ever saw hard times
we have for the last three months
I would like very well to get
to goom home but when I com
home I want to stay I would say

a send to com home unless I

could get to stay Well it wont
be long until our time will
be half out the time passes
very fast here in the army

Well dear brother I think that
I have give you the perticklers so
I will close I havant recised but
won later from eney of you in
the last two months only the
won that I got from you

I send mi bes respects to Allen
and the children and Pape and
Mama and all the rest of the family
Write soon and I will do the same

I do no more at present
but remanes your afestment
Brother until Death

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